#### **About RSEA**

Retired State Employees Association (RSEA) is an independent, membership driven organization that represents men and women, and their families, who have or will retire from employment with the State of Louisiana.

RSEA receives no appropriation, grant or subsidy from any level of government. RSEA depends on its support through your dues. RSEA is the means by which your voice can be expressed to the legislature and state administrators as well.

Join with others such as yourself to have an impact on bills and administrative procedures affecting you. Here is a little history of RSEA:

#### **RSEA Mission**

"To advance the quality of life of state employees who have given generously of their talents to the State of Louisiana."

# **RSEA Objectives**

Make a significant difference in the lives and well-being of current and future retirees by:

- Protecting retirement benefits and securing COLAs
- Lobbying Congress and informing members on new or enhanced social security benefits
- Lobbying the Administration for access to affordable and effective health care.
- Keeping members informed through quarterly newsletters and annual meetings.

#### **RSEA and LASERS**

RSEA works closely with LASERS and takes actions which the retirement system cannot. LASERS, as well as active state employees, cannot legally engage in lobbying efforts but can provide information about proposed legislation. RSEA has no such limitations and has campaigned aggressively to pass worthwhile legislation and defeat actions not in the best interests of retirees and active employees.

#### **RSEA In Action**

RSEA took a leadership role in the passage of the Experience Account which has funded seven cost-of-living adjustments-or COLAs-for retired state employees.

RSEA has actively informed members of new or enhanced Social Security benefits.

RSEA has worked with the Administration to increase state funding of retiree health insurance premiums.

RSEA joined with LASERS to strongly support passage of legislation which revised and corrected the problems with the COLA rules, to make possible future increases.

RSEA and LASERS joined together to convince the Governor to veto special interest legislation which would have had significant fiscal impact on the retirement system and unfairly treat the regular membership.

#### Who Can Join RSEA?

- \* Any retired Louisiana State Employee, wanting to work together for our benefits from the state.
- \* Any active Louisiana State Employee, wanting to maintain the future of our retirement.
- \* Any spouse or beneficiary of a deceased retired state employee receiving a benefit from LASERS.

#### **How To Join RSEA?**

- \* Complete and return the application form contained in this brochure. Annual dues are only \$15, payable by check or money order.
- \* If you receive a retirement check from LASERS, for your convenience you may use the E-Z pay plan. This is a monthly deduction of \$1.25 from your retirement check which will be designated to RSEA. This plan will automatically roll forward each year.

### Why Should You Join?

Working together we will protect our benefits and improve our retirement status. Through RSEA, we will keep you informed about all financial and health areas of your retirement benefits and what could affect these promises.

## **JOIN NOW!**

For more information visit our RSEA website – www.rseala.org

# Membership application for

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\*\*or you can call to sign up at 1-(866) 938-0961

and Phone number with Area Code

Give us your Name, Social Security number

# **RSEA Eight Area Chapters**



- Shreveport
  Monroe
- **Alexandria**
- Lake Charles
- Acadiana
- Baton Rouge
- New Orleans
- North Shore

# **RSEA Annual Meetings**

Our contact with our members is an open line to our office. The most effective lines are our quarterly newsletters and our website (www.rseala.org). We also have annual and other meetings which are held by your area-elected president. At these meetings we present our members with an open forum and updates on the policies, present and future, of LASERS and Group Benefits.

Our relationship to the eight area chapters enables RSEA to work with the people in government who can best help to enhance and protect your retirement and health benefits.



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